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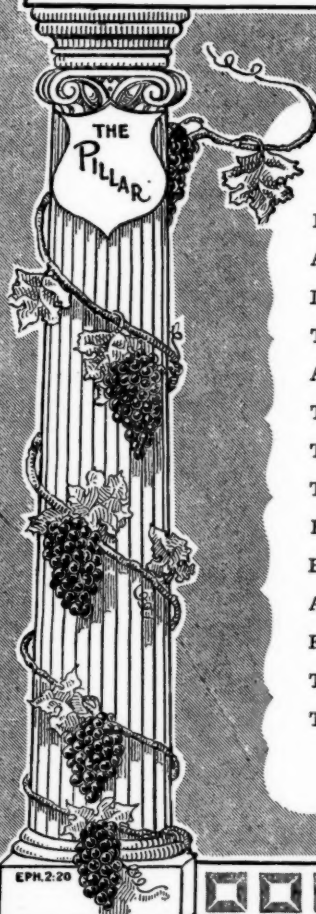
REVELATION 1:7  
Bro. Rufus Connelly

I've heard the howl o' a starved coyote,  
The cry of a lonesome loon,  
An eagle screeching o'er its nest  
And a lost dog bay at the moon;  
I've heard the scream of a mare, bereft,  
As to cubs her colt was fed,  
The savage yell of an Indian horde  
And a mother mourn her dead.  
All these are naught compared to wails  
When nations all shall see  
The rejected Christ come in the clouds  
From out eternity.  
The sun be dark, the moon be drenched  
By the blood on Calvary shed;  
The earth will flee from the face of God  
And the sea give up her dead.  
Each knee will bow, each tongue confess  
With agonizing wail,  
But the hopeless moan of anguished souls,  
"Too late," will not avail.  
And yet 'til time shall be no more,  
When Gabriel's trump shall toll,  
False hope will spring in the heart of man,  
Vile passion rule his soul.  
Tho' earth's Hope fold her wings and die,  
God's blood-washed saints will rise  
To meet their Savior, King of kings,  
With angels in the skies.

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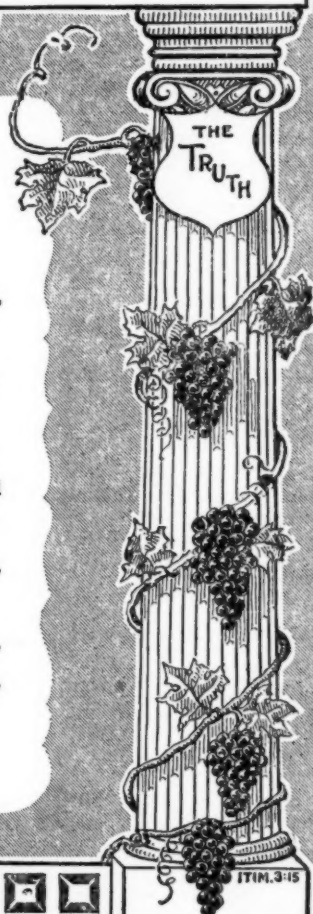
"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things,  
be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace,  
without spot, and blameless," 2 Peter 3:14.

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EPH. 2:20

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1 TIM. 3:15

# DELKSAID

—By—  
D. H. DELK

The year of 1945 is not old yet, it is still a new year, and as the old year of 1944 died, I wonder how many of us made sure the old man was dead. I wonder if we left some of our old, hateful, stale, monotonous, and obsolete ways behind.

God has the power to keep us new, yes, new forever. Ezek. 11:19, "A new spirit will I put within you." This new spirit, if let, will keep the old man crowded out, and we will never get stale and mildew.

Some young people are old, some old people are still young. Little Jane, as she began to say her prayers, was asked by her mother to pray that Grandma would live to be very old. Little Jane said, "O Mamma, I don't want to pray that way, I think she is old enough now. I want to pray for God to make her younger." I am like Little Jane, some folks' way is so old it's musty, hateful, and boring. (A bore is someone who wants to talk about himself when you want to talk about yourself.)

It's easy to pick up old sayings, habits, words, and ways that are simply disgusting and repulsive. I gave some old smoked herring fish to my cat a few days ago. He started eating, but was soon gagging. Too old to be relishable! Now let's check up (it won't hurt us) and see if our testimony, song, or sermon makes anyone hiss, frown, or gag.

If I have a text it's this, Titus 2:14, Syriac, "He gave himself for us that he might recover us from all iniquity and purify for himself a NEW PEOPLE."

1 Cor. 5:7, "Purge out the old that ye may become a new lump." Rom. 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with (by) him," who is the new man. I (the old man) am crucified with (by) Christ. Christ is the new man who will crowd out the old man if let. Put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness, and he will put off the old man with his deeds. I don't care what comes or goes, I don't care what you have to go through with, praise God, there is a fountain of youth (if Ponce de Leon

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did fall to find it) that will keep you new, young, fresh, etc. Yes, it's in Christ. In Christ we don't rust, get stale, stagnate, or get old. The conductor suspiciously says to a woman, "How old is that boy?" and she says, "He will be five next June." The conductor says, "Well, he looks older than that to me," and the woman says, "Yez, poor liddle feller, he's had a lot of trouble in his day. You ain't got no idea vat dat boy has been through." When I see and look at some folks, I think probably they have been through lots of trouble; but though the outward man perish (it is bruised and battered) the inward man is renewed day by day. I think the greatest trouble with lots of us, we have drifted into old habits, old ways, etc., that are the fruit of the old man. We have to watch ourselves daily and see that the new man, or the new spirit, is at the steering wheel.

I contend that there is no use for anyone to get crabby, hateful, and worrisome in his old age. The Bible is true, always true. In Psa. 92 we read where the old can be fat and flourishing, where they can bear fruit in old age. At this writing Brother Latimer, our former General Overseer, is with us, and we are having a most gracious revival; souls are praying through, he is bringing us soul-stirring sermons. He preaches every morning at 11 o'clock and at night, and some over the air. He is bringing new sermons, because the new spirit prompts and

## SOLDIER'S WEEKLY — LETTER —

### LOOKING FORWARD

Belgium  
December 1, 1944

Dear Editor:

The Church of God Evangel continues to come to me. The last two I gave to a Belgian civilian with whom I became acquainted. On reading the requests for the prayer column it is his desire that I write you in behalf of his son and daughter, asking that the praying people will include them in their prayers. Pray they shall be restored to health.

I enjoy reading the Evangel very much, although weeks pass by and sometimes months before my mail gets to me. It encourages me a lot when I read about the good revivals you folks are having over there. I am looking forward to the time when I can get back over there and enjoy some more good services like I used to. Sometimes chances look very slim for me but I still believe that God will make the way. This is such a rough life.

I wish to be remembered in all your good people's prayers.

—Sgt. Merton Magee.

furnishes him. He is in Christ. He is not stale. He is not mildewed. He is not boring. NO, HE'S NOT OLD, and I want to say, "LORD, LET MY LAST DAYS BE LIKE HIS." Yes, I want to pass on to my reward before I get monotonous. I want to die new.

It is said that when John Quincy Adams was eighty years old, a friend met him in the streets of Boston, took him by his trembling hand, and said, "Well, how is John Quincy Adams this morning?" To this Mr. Adams replied, "John Quincy Adams is all right; he is well and getting along fine, but the house in which he lives at present is getting old, dilapidated, yes, it's tottering some. Time and seasons have almost destroyed it. It trembles with every wind. It's almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy will soon have to move to another place, but he is quite well and getting along fine."

The greatest success anyone can make through life in any line of human endeavor is to succeed in keeping a pure character.

# The Activities of a Young Minister

JOHN C. JERNIGAN  
General Overseer

*"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one," 1 John 2:14.*

Young men have always had their places in the Church. John makes special mention of them, particularly because of their strength and knowledge of the Word. There are some things that young men can do better than old men. It is a proven fact that they are better soldiers, can endure more hardness, and will learn to operate the modern weapons of warfare much quicker and more efficiently than the aged, but when it comes to the management and command, the older and more experienced men are chosen.

John, the writer of the above text, was the youngest of the twelve apostles; Peter possibly the oldest. They were together when they heard that the body of the Lord had disappeared from the grave; both anxious to see for themselves, they ran to the open grave. John, the younger, outran Peter, the elder, and when John came to the open grave he stooped and looked in. But when Peter got there, he knew what to do and was not afraid. He, therefore, entered the sepulchre and made an investigation. The young man then followed Peter into the sepulchre.

The old man has already made all that he will ever be; he has reached his zenith. Success or failure, whichever it might have been, lies in the unchangeable past. Elderly people, and especially old ministers, meditate upon their past experiences. They like to relate them. Memories of bygone days are an inspiration and hope. Young man, never criticize an old preacher for telling of his past experiences, for when you get old you will do the same thing.

The young man has but little past of which to think. His thoughts and meditations are of the future. Experiences of either success or failure are few from which he may profit. He lives, fights, works, and hopes for a successful future ministry.

The young minister should never hesitate to discuss his problems with an elder behind whom lies success. Most likely the aged has had an ex-

perience in his early ministry very similar or possibly the exact nature of yours, and will be glad for you to profit by his experience. Nothing pleases an old minister more than for a young preacher to come to him for advice, and no one knows this better than I, who was once a young preacher fighting for success and am now classed with the elders. The elder feels honored for you to come to him, and will always be ready to help you.

The elder that rules well is worthy of double honor, and it is to the young man's credit when he recognizes the works, experiences, and knowledge of the senior minister. Remember, it was he who went ahead and blazed the trail, built up the Church, and made the way for you easier.

The elder expects the youth to know some new things and to be able to put them into action, make the Church bigger and better, and even make a greater preacher than he was. The world has come to its great knowledge by each generation profiting and adding to the knowledge of the former generation. The fine group of young people now in the Church of God has the prospects of a wonderful future. There lie in front of you days, weeks, months and years full of opportunities. Victory for every consecrated, enthusiastic, young preacher is just around the corner. Success is yours, but you must not wait for it to knock at your door. You will have to sacrifice and work to obtain it.

One entering the ministry will meet many handicaps. He may look forward to a time when his battles are all won, and hope to settle down to his ministry with ease, but such a time will never come in the life of a preacher. His battles began with his first efforts, and will end when he is dead. The young preacher will have more problems, but the old preacher will have greater responsibilities.

The inexperienced preacher is faced with many difficulties. One of his most outstanding enemies is FEAR that he will not make good. This FEAR can be conquered only by making good.

Some mighty preachers began their career with great disadvantages—limited education, financial handicaps, lack of personality, slow of

speech, and with all that hedged in by mighty walls of obscurity—but through much prayer, consecration, determination, and perseverance they finally triumphed.

One discouraging feature in the life of the young preacher is looking at closed doors, no demand for his service. The best remedy for this handicap is not to look for big doors, but be willing and ready to enter the small doors of opportunity that might open, and do not expect too many luxuries on the inside.

Young preachers might learn a fine lesson from David when Goliath challenged Israel. David told the king he could slay the giant, but the king did not believe him until David convinced him that he had already killed both the bear and lion. Young preachers would do well first to kill the bear and the lion before fighting the giant, but many young men are so daring and full of confidence that they are willing to risk their future by first testing their armor in a fight with the giant. That is staking too much and taking too great a chance. The young minister should be more conservative and satisfied with displaying his ability on the less responsible jobs.

The young man who sits down daydreaming of large congregations, high-steepled church houses, and big salaries, seldom ever comes to the realization of his hopes. But the man who enters into the ministry through sacrifice and hardship, realizes more what it means to represent the Man who sacrificed all for lost humanity.

I would advise the young man who feels called to the ministry to begin his work by conducting prayer meetings in the local church, as opportunity may afford, then out into the homes of his friends, and after he has once started, if successful, there will be more and more doors opening. Calls should then come from small churches, "Come over and help us." But if such calls do not come, get out and find a country schoolhouse, or an old deserted church house, or build a brush arbor, and if by that time no one wants to hear you preach, it might be well for you to reconsider. God might have never called you. The best evidence that God has called you to the ministry is the fact that people want to hear you.



# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## The Other Side of the Picture

In the writings of J. E. Conant in *Watchman Examiner*, we have the following startling challenge:

Eight times more hours are spent at the movies than in Sunday School, with only one out of every twelve in America attending church, and seven of every eight children quitting church and Sunday School before they are fifteen; when fifteen million sex magazines are read every month by one-third of the people of this nation; when there are more barmaids than college girls, and three times as many criminals as college students; when 1,000,000 young women are infected with social disease, 100,000 girls a year disappear into white slavery, 1,000,000 babes a year are born out of wedlock, and more are killed before they are born; when sixty suicides occur every day, a murder every forty minutes, and a major crime every twenty-two seconds; when two of every three adults, men and women, smoke, some women taking to pipes; with women drinkers increasing with sickening rapidity, while \$750 goes for sinful pleasures and amusements to every dollar for foreign missions—we know that if the church of Christ does not wake up and become once more the salt that has not lost its power to stay the advance of corruption, this nation will all too soon become a wreck upon the pitiless shore of spiritual bankruptcy and moral degeneracy.

## Large Number of Refugees Arrive in Haifa

HAIFA—The harbor of Haifa was recently the scene of tumultuous welcomes extended to half a dozen transports of Jewish refugees who reached the shores of Palestine from various Balkan countries.

The first to arrive in recent weeks was a group of 308 Jews from Rumania, after traveling overland from Istanbul. They included 164 children and a group of rabbis headed by the Rabbis of Vishnietz.

Another 450 Jewish refugees from Rumania arrived on board the steamers "Bulbul" and "Bella Citta" via

Turkey. They included 250 Halutzim (pioneers), and a number were veteran Zionists.

A dispatch from London reports the arrival in Palestine of 75 more children who have been brought under the Youth Aliyah. Of this group, 40 are Bulgarian children, 10 from Tripolitania, 15 are young Greek refugees. The remaining 10 children came directly from a German concentration camp and were included in the exchange transport which just reached Palestine. All these youngsters have been placed in schools and settlements under the auspices of Youth Aliyah which is headed by Miss Henrietta Szold.

Another large transport carrying 196 boys and girls arrived in Palestine, according to a further announcement by the Youth Aliyah.—*The New Palestine*.

## Youth Rallies

There are some 400 cities throughout the United States now reported to be conducting youth rallies each Saturday evening, according to J. Elwing Wright, field secretary of N. A. E. In some cities large attendance is reported, gatherings from 1,500 to 4,000 and even larger, such as some 26,000 in Chicago Stadium. Plans are now being made for a rally at Soldiers Field, with an expected attendance of 100,000. Those who are acquainted with Dr. Wright know him to be a forceful speaker and tireless worker. We most certainly hope that God will awaken our youth to the need of Christ.

## Catholic Crime Percentages

*The Converted Catholic Magazine* makes the very interesting comparison of crime averages:

"In judging these percentages it must be remembered that Catholics, according to their church's own estimates, form only about 16 per cent of the total population of the United States. On page 78 of Father Kalmer's book, Table III shows that in a selection of twenty-eight states, the average Catholic population is slightly higher, but still only 17.24 per cent,

whereas the average Catholic prison population in those same twenty-eight states is 33.62 per cent.

"But if we select a few typical states we find the following:

New York: 26.73 per cent of total population is Catholic; 56.46 per cent of prison population is Catholic.

Arizona: 3.16 per cent of total population is Catholic; 53.26 per cent of prison population is Catholic.

California: 16.83 per cent of total population is Catholic; 43.61 per cent of prison population is Catholic.

Wisconsin: 23.79 per cent of total population is Catholic; 43.52 per cent of prison population is Catholic.

Wyoming: 7.13 per cent of total population is Catholic; 32.18 per cent of prison population is Catholic.

"It should be noted that these Catholic prison chaplains put forward the argument, as in their favor, that the majority of Catholics committed to prison are either of foreign birth or parentage, mostly Italian, Spanish, Polish, Austrian and Irish. This, however, does not serve to exculpate the Catholic Church, since these are Catholic countries *par excellence*, where "Roman Catholic culture" is most effective. On the contrary, it only serves to show that our much-maligned traditional American secular education and non-Catholic culture cannot be blamed for the crime increase in this country. The balance, therefore, in every instance—both as to religion and type of schooling—is in favor of non-Catholic upbringing and our secular public school education."

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# The Responsibility of the Pentecostal Church for Their Young People

By Emma Williams

It is Sunday afternoon and I have been alone in the house. It is raining and dreary on the outside, but thank God for the sunshine of His love in my soul. While going about the task of "doing the dishes," a great many thoughts on the above stated subject have been going through my mind and I feel like writing them down in order and thinking further along this line.

I do now, and have for a number of years, felt a burden for our young folks, especially the teen-age group. It is during these years, for the most part, that they are either won to Christ or lost. It is at this time that the enemy of their souls comes to them with persuasive and soothing words and paints a beautiful, enticing picture for them of the pleasures of the world, seeking to lead them into the broad way. Oh, that we would work as earnestly for their salvation as he does for their destruction! The many, many boys and girls whom I have seen make a start towards a Christian life, only to become discouraged and fall by the wayside! How many times has it been our fault because we failed to be to them what we should have been?

A few words concerning my own experience. God first dealt with me when I was six years old. I was definitely saved at eight, later sanctified, and when twelve years old received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I went to different Pentecostal services, with my parents or alone, and was always anxious to seek the Lord at any altar whenever there was an opportunity. After receiving the Baptism, like many an adult has done, I "rested on my oars," and a year later backslid. At fifteen I returned to the fold, prayed through, and joined the Baltimore Pentecostal Holiness Church. This was twenty years ago. I praise God from the depths of my heart for the abiding presence of His Spirit in my life today.

There are certain qualities that are necessary for success in any field of

endeavor. Two of these are vision and the courage to leave the beaten path. If we would accomplish great things for God, we must attempt great things. As to vision, it has been truly said that what a man can imagine he can do. Certainly, this is true as concerns spiritual things, with God on our side. Once I heard a Christian, who conducts a blessed radio program, say that the way to grow in God is to attempt a job that is too big for us, acknowledge our weakness, seek God's help and leave the rest with Him. We know the Word teaches us that if we use those talents we possess, our talents will be increased.

Let's be honest and admit that we, as a church, have failed our boys and girls. To make this admission is not enough, we must do something about it. Let us humbly repent for this sin of omission, then seek God's guidance.

Our young folks have boundless energy and more leisure time than they will have in later years. How often we mothers have heard the plaintive cry, "What can I do?" Social contacts are very necessary for their development. If we allow things to follow their natural course, our children's friends will probably be those who live close by, or their schoolmates. In all likelihood they will be children who have not been taught the same standards of living as our children. The final result will be that the boys and girls of Pentecostal parents will adopt the same standards as their friends or they will be without friends.

The youngsters in our Sunday Schools and youth societies are not sufficiently acquainted to become "chummy" because they are not given the opportunity to meet on a social plane. Also, in some of our churches the number of young people is quite small and there is a wide difference in their ages. In some of our cities Pentecostal ministerial associations have been formed and I believe that

through the medium of these associations, great things can be done for our girls and boys, either on a city-wide basis or possibly by certain sections of the city, so that several churches would be included in each unit. We all know the inspiration there is in large numbers, and young people especially believe in the adage, "The more the merrier." During the months when school is in session the most of these boys and girls are free either Friday or Saturday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We should certainly plan some activities for at least a portion of this time. Of course, in some churches the young people's service is held on Friday or Saturday night. Certainly, I do not mean to underrate the value of the part our children have in Sunday School and the youth societies and I realize they are given more recognition now than in former years. I am just trying to say that they have extra time and energy that could be put to good use in a way that would bring them enjoyment and spiritual benefit and, most important of all, would make them a blessing to others.

As to social affairs, during the winter there could be indoor gatherings of different kinds and in fine weather outdoor activities could be planned. Concerning meetings of a religious character, these could be varied to include prayer meetings, tarrying services, testimony meetings, Bible studies, services in parks, on the street, in institutions; musicals, plays, and on and on. With consecration and zeal many interesting and enjoyable things could be done. Possibly many young persons who had been "halting between two opinions" would decide that there really is pleasure to be found in the service of the King.

In those cities where there are ministerial associations it is my suggestion that the association call a meeting of the pastor of each church and the president of each young people's society to consider and plan for some-

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# PERSEVERANCE

MRS. JUANITA BENSON

Rev. 21:7, "*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I shall be his God, and he shall be my son.*"

The fact that God mentions overcoming, makes us know there will be something to overcome. Yes, we will meet with adversity, all will not be smooth sailing. We are warned of that. Now who is that saying, "I told you it was a hard way"? The Word says the way of the transgressor is hard, and truly without hope and without God the going will not be easy, no perfect satisfaction, life empty and void of that which alone can make it sweet and lovely. Surely salvation is worth all its costs and more. Let the price be what it may. Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it," Luke 16:16. Yes, if you get in, God is not going to throw you in, but rather you must have a desire strong enough to do some pressing forward.

Ruth, the Moabitess, no doubt had heard her mother-in-law tell many times of the wonders God had performed among her people over in the land of Israel. And one day we find her going along with her mother-in-law, who now was going back to her native land. We see her there as she sought to bid Ruth good-bye, and insisted on her returning to her people; but she refused to be advised. She spoke emphatically, "Intreat me not to leave thee; . . . for thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." We believe she meant to be faithful unto death. We hear her say, "Where thou diest I will die." For Ruth to be one of them meant getting out from among her own kindred, but so precious was it to her, she got these things behind her and pressed on.

Paul said, "Endure hardness as a good soldier," 2 Tim. 2:3. Now that is what God is looking for—soldiers, not softies. Yes, those that draw back and refuse to press their way have a yellow streak. The devil is a coward and if you let him bully you, he will make one out of you. He will make proud Aunt So and So's scorn look like a great storm cloud, and when your friends turn you down, as though you had disgraced yourself, he will try to

make you think you are ruined forever. Now these things and the like will come our way, and it will take courage to withstand them, but remember, it cost Jesus humiliation and shame to pave the way of life for us, and the servant is not greater than his lord. He said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on the earth? I tell you nay; but rather division," Luke 12:51. He went on to say in a house of five there would be three against two, and two against three. Yes, a man's foes would be those of his own household. But what did He say? If you love them better than you do me, you are not worthy to be my disciple.

We find little David down at the battlefield one day, and he was not the kind to run when the battle gets hot. The spirit of perseverance burned in his soul, but his brother, Eliab, misunderstood him and railed on him, but this did not stop him. No, he pressed on. When he came before the king he again met some would-be discouragement. We see King Saul as he sat there, probably wide-eyed with astonishment, saying, "Why, you are but a boy, you are not able to go out against this man of war." But there was no stopping him. He had proved his God and he knew what He could do. His family troubles didn't stop here, but we find him a few years later, when the ark of the Lord was brought up from the house of Obededom to Jerusalem, he became so happy he danced before the Lord with all his might. His wife, like the modernists of our day, despised him in her proud heart, and went out to meet him, scornfully accusing him of making himself vile. He answered, "Why, it was before the Lord, and if that is what you call vile, I'll make myself more vile." Thank God for servants that are established, unmovable in the faith. Don't forget, God knows what is best for us and all things do work together for good for them that love Him.

Well do I remember in the early days of my salvation, how those who should have been nearest me caused me to wring my hands in despair. Yes, my sleep went from me, thoughts upon my bed tortured my soul. Satan

seemed to wallow me in the dust of humility; but the God-given will to hold on gripped my soul. I wept before the Lord to supply my needs. God saw my tears. He fought my battles and brought me through victorious. Since that time memory of those experiences of perseverance have kept me in the way of life. How? Why, if God could bring me through that He could bring me through anything. Why not stand my ground and refuse to compromise. So often we, like Jacob, have to learn our lesson by hard experience. We know God meant for him to have the birthright, for He told his mother so, even before his birth. But I dare say he tried for a time to take things in his own hands and after all was said and done he ran off because he was powerless to stand and face the issue. Thus he came to the end of Jacob's row. Over in another land he learned his lesson in undermining. Then the Lord told him to go back, probably to straighten up. We find him over there just prior to his meeting with his brother Esau. The clouds were hanging low now. Jacob felt keenly his need of God. My, what a little fellow he was now. We see him as he gets everything and everybody out of the way. Then he steals away alone and all night long he wrestled. He was depending wholly on the Lord. He set out to get the blessing and he meant to have it. Hear him say, in determined tones, "I'll not let you go except you bless me." What were the results? No longer was he an undermining Jacob, but rather a prince of God.

Friends, surely we, as Jacob, need a deeper experience with God. Why not follow his example and do some wrestling? Surely we are living on the very eve of His coming, and in order to be like Him when He appears we must purify ourselves even as He is pure.

## Testimony of God's Blessing

I praise God for His great love and mercy to me and for sparing my life here. Praise His holy name. I cannot find words to praise Him enough for His mercy to me. I am not healed completely but, thank God, I can be up. I thank everyone who prayed for me and for the love offering and pounding that the Church of God at Winnsboro gave me. Pray for me and mine to stand true to God.—Sister Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Golf Rd., Winnsboro, S. C.



# Sacrificing Principle for Prestige

There is a dangerous undertow in the life of every Christian; namely, the temptation to be popular with the crowd.

There was a time in Christianity when zealous Christians, in their desire to be separate from worldliness, were becoming looked upon as Pharisees possessing the "better than thou" spirit of "Father, I thank thee that I am not as other men are."

In order to combat this extremity and to reach more people many have drifted in the opposite direction to the other extreme of embracing worldliness.

Modernism is an apt example of the farthest extreme of compromise, that has gone so far as to deny the very foundation of Christianity; namely, Christ's virgin birth, His atoning death, and His miraculous resurrection.

Never has God commanded us to be popular with the crowd; in fact, He has commanded the opposite, "Come out from among them." "Be ye separate." "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." "Keep himself unspotted from the world."

Though the majority rules in parliamentary practice, yet never should Christianity follow the masses. Jesus Himself states that the majority is on a road that leads to destruction. Matthew 7:13, 14.

I am an admirer of Daniel. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." Today, the compromisers of Daniel's day are forgotten but the name of Daniel is exalted in poetry, prose, and song. "He, being dead, yet speaketh." "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

"A good name is to be chosen." Prestige is good if it is with the right crowd; but the same Book says, "Beware, when all men speak well of you."

Principle! Christian principle! is our crying need. Where are our persecutions? 2 Tim 3:12; John 15:18, 19; Luke 6:22, 23. Brother, my opinion is that they are being drowned in the "sea of popularity" and the tide is fast rising. Thank God, for that precious beatitude, "Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake." Mind you, I said, "for righteousness' sake." Confidence in

this beatitude has made the martyr grasp his burning stake with palms of victory. It made Stephen in his cruel death peer past the "valley of the shadow of death" and see "him that ruleth on high." It brought from him the ecstatic cry of a conqueror, "I see Jesus." I think the story would have had a different ending had Stephen catered to the whims and desires of his hearers.

The Bible is full of examples of men and women who had not the grace and "backbone," if you please, to say "NO" to the crowd. Pilate is probably the chief champion of the theory "compromise with popular opinion." I am persuaded that the popular opinion of the masses today has not changed. "Let Him be crucified" is their cry and there are many people today, even preachers, who, through weakness, surrender to their cries, "sacrificing principle for prestige."

While the Church is being beset as never before with a popular trend toward worldliness and even to the extreme trend of modernism, give us more preachers like Peter, who, in the face of persecution by the Jewish Council, uttered the immortal clause, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when faced with the wonderful (?) prospect of being cast into a fiery furnace had the courage to tell the king that they would trust in their God. What if we are cast into the fiery furnace? Isn't the "Fourth Man" that appeared with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego still the same? Hebrews 13:8.

Unpopular preaching by John the Baptist caused him to lose his head but his soul was preserved. Luke 17:33. It is impossible to spite a Christian by killing him. It is like helping a pilgrim to find his homeland, or like helping a stranger to find his friends. We are not made for this old world of sin and wickedness, "we are pilgrims and strangers seeking a city to come." Thank God for that old song, "I Don't Want To Get Adjusted to this World." I can say with deepest pleasure, with the author of that song, "I have a home that's so much better."

Henry Clay, when told he was injuring his chances of becoming president by some of the measures he was ad-

## THE CHURCH OF GOD ON THE AIR

We are on the air each Thursday evening at 4:15, Saturday morning at 11:15, over WEGO, Concord, N. C.—D. H. Delk, pastor, Box 126, Concord, N. C.

"The Morning Prayer" radio program of the Louisville, Ky., Churches of God, over station WINN, Louisville, Ky., each Friday 6:15-6:45 a. m.

St. Joseph, Mo., KVAK, 1450 Kc., Sunday, 2:30-3:00 p. m. E. O. Byington, pastor.

Bozeman, Mont., Sunday, 10:00 p. m. W. H. Snyder, pastor.

West Palm Beach, Fla., WJNO, Sunday, 8:30-8:45 a. m. O. W. Thomas, pastor.

Palm Beach, Fla., WWPG, daily, 8:15-8:30 a. m. O. W. Thomas, pastor.

Greenwood, S. C., WCRS, 1450 Kc., Sunday, 1:30-2:00 p. m. N. A. Jordan, pastor.

Warren, Ohio, WRRN, 1400 Kc., Sunday, 11:05 p. m. R. J. Staats, pastor.

San Francisco, Calif., KSAN, 1450 Kc., Sunday, 4:00-4:30 p. m. A. G. Thompson, pastor.

Carmi, Ill., over Station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill., Friday, 10:00-10:30 a. m. J. L. Summers, pastor.

### Revival

HIAWASSEE, Ga.—The revival at N. Mt. Zion Church of God was a blessing to all who attended. There were seven saved, two sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Sister Margaret Jacobs was the evangelist.—Fleta Lunsford, clerk.

vocating, replied thus, "I would rather be right than president."

I would we had more of the courage of Clay and would say with emphasis, "I would rather be right than popular."

As a remedy to all of the ills confronting Christianity today, I wish to advise the careful study and application of the following scripture: "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" John 5:44.

# Baptism of the Holy Ghost

By A. H. Batts

John the Baptist, in Mark 1:8, said, "I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." In Acts 1:5 Jesus said, "John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." Acts 11:15, 16, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

Since in the gospel of Christ, the greatest prophet born of woman, John the Baptist, and also the immaculate Son of God, and the chief apostle Peter, who had the keys of the kingdom, all three used the term "baptized with the Holy Spirit," I feel perfectly safe in using the same term.

In the one single experience of the household of Cornelius, recorded in Acts 10, I want to call your attention to the different words used in referring to their experience. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all that heard the word. The believers who came with Peter were astonished "that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost . . . . For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" And in Chapter 11:15, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?" So in this experience we find the words fell, poured out, received, gave, and baptize all refer to the same experience; namely, baptized with the Holy Spirit. God gave us the Holy Ghost and when He came He filled our body, 1 Cor. 6:19. When He came into our body, He not only filled us, but He baptized our inward man. Our soul is buried, covered. Isa. 30:1. Our real life is hid with Christ in God. (God is a Spirit.) Therefore, we are

filled and baptized at the same time.

## ALL BELIEVERS

Joel 2:28, 29, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, . . . also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." In this scripture the prophet promises an outpouring or the baptism of the Spirit for all flesh, even for the servants and for the maids.

Mark 1:5, 7, 8, "There went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And preached, saying, . . . I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." John did not promise this blessing to a certain group, nor to a certain number, but said, "I indeed have baptized you . . . . but he shall baptize you (all of you) with the Holy Ghost."

In John 7:37-39 Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)." John said Jesus referred to the Holy Ghost. He said they that believe should receive Him. If any man thirst, it matters not who he is, let him come with a believing heart and receive the Holy Ghost. John 14:15, 16, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter"—which is the Holy Ghost. Who did Jesus say could have the blessing? Those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Acts 2:17, 18, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out (or baptize) in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." In this scripture God promises us through the apostle Peter, that in the last days

there would be a special outpouring of His Spirit upon all flesh. And in verse 18 He promises to pour His Spirit-out upon His servants. My friends, if we are living in the last days and if we are servants of God, He has promised to pour His Holy Spirit out upon us. I do not mean to say that all believers have the baptism of the Spirit, but that the baptism of the Spirit is promised to all believers.

## PROMISE

Acts 2:38, 39, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Now since the promise is to every one that God calls, and to all our fathers and mothers, to all their children, and all that are afar off, I believe we would do well to find out for sure what the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost is, and I know of no better way than the Bible way. Luke 24:49, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." According to this statement of Jesus, when we receive the promise of the Father, we shall receive power from on high. Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:4, 5, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them . . . wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." So we see that in these two verses, Jesus refers to the promise of the Father as the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:33, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." They saw the manifestation of the power of God like unto a rushing mighty wind. They heard them speaking in tongues. Peter said, "This is the promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost, and it was shed forth from the throne of God." Gal 3:13, 14, "Christ . . . being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Eph. 1:13, "In whom (Continued on page 14)



# News from Bible Training School and College

## A CALL TO INDIA

For quite a few weeks I was burdened, but I didn't know the meaning of it. I knew that God had a work for me to do, but I didn't know what it was.

I am a great lover of music, and I desired so much to get a degree in music and teach voice here at B. T. S., because I felt that since God gave me my voice He wanted me to use it for Him. But God saw differently.

I was so burdened that I was miserable. On Sunday, November 26, at two o'clock, our dramatics class presented a play, "The Silver Trumpet," by Elliot Field, and it was so real that I lived with the characters. Another thing that impressed me was that each of the actors had the Holy Ghost. The play made the sacrifice of a missionary so real that I couldn't comprehend why anyone would be a missionary, until the end, it showed what great happiness could come from sacrifice. Even after seeing the play, I never thought that God wanted me to be a missionary, but I did have a strange feeling about the play, and wanted to be alone. I didn't talk much to my friends.

Finally, it became time for the evening service, and I sat almost on the front seat. I was determined to get God's will in my life. I went to the altar when the call was given. There I prayed for quite a while but I couldn't get victory. I got up and went back to my seat but I saw a friend in the altar who was burdened, so I decided to go pray with him. Finally he got victory, but I still felt that burden. I sat down by the altar for fifteen minutes without saying anything, but I was in a deep thought. I really thought God wanted me to preach, but I still wanted to be a teacher. I got willing to preach and I still didn't have victory. All I could see was a large mass of dark faces holding their hands and screaming for the gospel, and I saw the word INDIA written over them. When I first came to myself I was screaming, "Lord, I can't go." It seemed impossible. There was my musical career and all the desires of life to be sacrificed. I looked up to see if everything was real. I couldn't believe that God counted me worthy

to carry the gospel to a foreign country, to heathen, people who have never heard the name of Jesus. I told God, "I can't go alone, but if you will go with me, I will go." As soon as I said that, meaning it from my heart, a deep-settled peace came over my soul, and that burden rolled away. Now I can see that God has been directing my life from the beginning. It is so sweet to have God solve every problem that comes up in life.

I am longing for the time when I can say good-bye to my mother and dad and all of my dear friends and go to those who are dying without God, those that I love, and tell them of Jesus. I don't feel now that I am making a great sacrifice, but only doing my duty as a Christian. I love the Savior and I want to sacrifice more for Him. After all, He died for me. We only have a short time to stay here, compared with eternity, and it is up to us to win every soul that we can while we are here.

Rom. 14:15: "And another angel came out of the temple, crying in a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is coming for thee to reap."

The harvest is truly ripe and I am happy that God allowed me to be a harvester. God called many others to foreign fields during the same week that I received my call. We have been having a sweet time in the Lord here at B. T. S. this year and I wouldn't take anything for the years I have spent here because they have meant so much to me.

To you who have not found God's will in your life, I advise you to pray through to victory about it. Your call may not be to preach or to go to the mission field but God has something for every one of His children to do. It may be small, but if it's God's will, you will be happy.

May I say to you ministers and laity of the Church of God, It is up to you to back up the missionaries. They need your prayers and financial aid. Never be afraid to give liberally to the mission fund, because it is being used in a great cause.

In closing I would like to leave with you this thought: John 3:16, "For God

so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—*Jarvis Hill.*

## A CALL TO JAPAN

Ever since I gave my heart to God, I have had a burden for foreign missions, and a desire to carry the gospel to people who have never heard of Christ. I always felt that I would be a foreign missionary or do work pertaining to missions, and that is one reason I came to Bible Training School.

I wanted to know so badly what God wanted me to do and to be sure about my work and to learn the meaning of patience, waiting for God to reveal to me what He would have me do. I thought several times when the thought of a country would come to my mind as I prayed, that maybe that would be where I would go, but my heart was never satisfied and I know now that God was only seeing if I would go anywhere like I promised Him I would. I finally became so hungry to know His will and to prepare myself for a work, that I fasted and prayed until I was very weak.

One day at B. T. S. God began to bless the students and several were being called to various works and fields. I would watch many of the students as God blessed them and carried them in visions to foreign countries, and as I heard them speaking many different languages, my heart became so hungry to have an experience like that and to know what God would have me to do that it seemed I could hardly stand it.

That night God began blessing in the girls' dormitory and He satisfied me completely that my work would be in Japan. I was so happy that I couldn't praise God enough for His goodness in letting me carry the gospel to those people.

I am trying now to prepare myself to serve Him and, with God's help, someday I will be doing my bit for my Master in Japan.—*June Freeman.*

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CHRIST THE SAVIOR FOR THE HEATHEN

# Missions • Missionaries



M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary

International Christian Brotherhood

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL NATIONS

## A Wonderful Convention

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas is now on the pages of history, and we can truly say that the dear Lord has blessed us with a great and wonderful convention. The memory of those glorious meetings will long linger in the minds of all those who were privileged to attend. The rich blessings of the Lord far exceeded our expectation and a great number of precious souls were at the altar almost every night. Some found peace with God, were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Some came for healing and the dear Lord touched their bodies in answer to prayer.

Our delegation was the largest we have had for many years. We were blessed to have nearly every one of our district overseers here for the first service. The tide of glory started to flow in that service and kept on flowing higher and higher. Dear readers, this was truly a wonderful convention and almost everyone says it was the best one we ever had. It was not only the joy and rejoicing that made it good, but the blessed anointing of the Lord was upon every speaker. We had some of the best sermons and discourses that we have heard for a long time.

Dear Brother Carl J. Hughes, the representative from our Mission Board, and his wife came by plane and were ushered right into our introductory service on Tuesday night. They were with us until the very last service. Brother and Sister Hughes are very precious people of God and they are known and loved by many people here in this wonderful land of sunshine. We shall be looking for them to again visit our fair country.

Brother Hughes was at his best in all his messages and his soul-stirring sermons and fatherly instructions, coupled with such grace and heavenly wisdom, were of untold value to us and this community. He labored very hard while here. At the end of his night's messages he gave altar calls, and oh, how the hungry souls would fall on the mercy seat and knock on the door of mercy, asking for pardon.

There seems to have never been

more unity and fellowship exhibited as in this great gathering of God's people from the various outer islands and from this capital city of the Bahamas. Love and submission prevailed throughout the entire session. It was so very easy to moderate such a humble, willing, and consecrated people. At times waves of glory would fall upon that mass of Spirit-filled souls. Many would be swept to their feet in an ecstasy of overflowing joy as the divine presence of the triune God drew so very near to bless. Yes, it was really glorious! It made us think more seriously that we won't be here much longer. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

The past convention year has been a very blessed year for us. We have gained about seven new churches, with a nice increase in membership. Our revivals have been good and the prospects of the work of the Lord seem to be good for the coming year. We have our own little Mission Board and from April, 1944, to December, 1944, we have collected \$480 for missions, approximately. Our people seem to be more mission-minded than ever and they have faithfully promised that they will do more for missions this year.

Our singing was simply grand. At times, when some of those good old soul-stirring songs were sung and our hearts would get in touch with heaven, our moderator would have to wait until the waves subsided before he could proceed. We had the piano, the saxophone, the cymbal, the drum, the tambourine, the guitar, and other Bible instruments, plus a large crowd of well-trained voices. O dear saints of God, if you could have been here to listen to the lovely strains of music as they floated away on the balmy breezes of this blessed "Isle of June," your soul would have been stirred to its very depths and you, too, would have been able to rejoice and dance with joy before the Lord.

Long live the memory of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Bahamas. May all our dear brothers and sisters everywhere breathe a special prayer to God for the lost souls in this portion of His vineyard.—Yours

for the great Church of God, W. R. Franks.

## Bahama Convention Great

The 25th Annual Convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas began January 9 and continued through Sunday, January 14. Almost every minister in the Bahamas said that this was the greatest convention ever to be held there. Our large church on East Street was filled during the day services and only about half of the great crowd could get inside the building at night. There was great interest even in the altar. Many were saved and were filled with the Holy Ghost. Bishop W. R. Franks, assistant overseer, said, "This is among the greatest we have ever had," and W. V. Eneas said, "This is the greatest convention the Bahamas has ever had." Many others said the same thing.

Brother Franks had a well arranged program and carried it out in the same manner. We were privileged to be at every service. There was the greatest fellowship among the ministers and members we have ever had. Every outer island was well represented and seemed to have a great increase. There has been a large increase in membership and a number of new churches have been organized this past year. With the evangelistic setup which they now have in the Bahamas, we are looking for greater things in the future.

We would ask that all of you pray that God will supply a larger place for our next convention.—Carl J. Hughes

## Sgt. Jose L. Aponte's Testimony

Many years, since I have been a Roman Catholic, I felt the desire to read the Bible. I knew that this glorious Book was precious. Although knowing Him in part, I was still a Roman Catholic. Later, I entered the American Army. It was there that I met Brother Sexto Molina, a Christian. From that time we visited several churches.

Later on we were transferred to Panama where we came in contact with the Church of God in which we

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, that I may be able to carry the gospel to the ones in sin.—Rev. Leonard Newell, Rt. 4, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

My mother, Mrs. B. F. Kellison, who has been down for some time with high blood pressure and other ailments; my sister, Mrs. Mincie Williams, who recently lost her dear son in action in Europe; my family and me.—Mrs. Ina Jackson, Ronceverte, W. Va.

The complete healing of my little boy who had T. B. of the spine. He was wonderfully touched after being in a cast for three and one-half years and is up going about and to school, but he still has a small opening in his hip. I would appreciate an anointed cloth for him. My husband.—Mrs. Katie Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 369, Coral Ridge, Ky.

The healing of my husband's body, the doctors say he has heart trouble and cirrhosis of the liver and his liver is drying up and forming in hard knots.—Mrs. J. J. Robinson, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C.

My husband to be completely healed; he underwent a serious operation last summer and stood it fine but he is not well and can walk only a little over the house.—Mrs. Florence Spears, Box 666, Lepanto, Ark.

Me to be healed of head trouble, I am hard of hearing; my son in Service sends a very urgent unspoken request for prayer.—Mrs. Mittie L. Jones, Box 68, Booneville, Miss.

God to undertake for three requests; my body to be healed; God to undertake for me.—Sister Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo 11, Ohio.

The healing of my nose which has been sore for more than twelve years and is partly eaten away.—Fannie Stephens, Rt. 1, Grayson, Ga.

The healing of my wife who has been sick over a year. Encouragement appreciated.—Rev. A. B. Everett, Box 171, Moorhead, Miss.

My father to be saved and healed; the healing of my body; two brothers overseas, one a German prisoner and

the other in battle; my unsaved son.—Mrs. Iona Phillips, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

Me to be healed, I am in the Lima, Ohio, State Hospital.—Albert Zanke, P. O. Drawer Q, Lima, Ohio.

The healing of my daddy's kidneys; mother's, brothers, sister's, and my health; our home.—Ruby Lois Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

My dear wife and me.—Dock T. Webb, Box 304, Phoenix, Ariz.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Herman Crabtree, Box 372, Childersburg, Ala.

The complete healing of my body, also my family who are all sick; my husband in the Navy; my brother in the Army; unspoken request; my dad's leg to be healed.—Mrs. Hoyt Chitwood, 405 Third Ave., Dalton, Ga.

My two sons in Service, James Ott in England, who has been wounded in his leg and back, and Julius H. Ott who is expecting to be shipped any time; my daughter-in-law to be healed; me to be completely healed.—Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Winnsboro, S. C.

Very special unspoken request.—Ruth L. Noblitt, East Marion, N. C.

My husband and me.—Rosa Davis Lemons, Rt. 1, Pegram, Tenn.

My two sons in Service overseas; healing of my body; my husband who has had two operations and is in the hospital.—Mrs. Oscar Fred, Wilton, N. Dak.

My husband's nephew, Pfc. Marion E. Polk, who is overseas. He would appreciate letters of encouragement. Also pray for Marion's mother; my son.—Mrs. Emmett Butler, Horseshoe, Fla.

God to undertake for my husband.—Mrs. G. J. Thomas, 1212 Joseph St., Jacksonville 6, Fla.

A friend in the hospital; my brother, Raymond L. Fish, Jr., Thunder Hawk, S. Dak., will appreciate encouragement; my folks.—Miss Shirley L. Fish, Thunder Hawk, S. Dak.

My brother in France; my other brother in the South Pacific.—Mrs. Vena Roland, 741 37th St., San Pedro, Calif.

The healing of my body, I am very sick now with flu and have had stomach trouble for years; my family.—Mrs. W. N. Rayburn, Trinity, Tex.

My son somewhere in the Pacific Islands, Pfc. Herbert Robinson, Jr.; he will appreciate encouragement and I will be glad to send you his address; my husband and me.—Mrs. H. T. Robinson, Farmville, N. C.

Unspoken request.—Delphia Gant, Rt. 3, Box 121, Benton, Ill.

The healing of my mother's body, the Lord has wonderfully saved her.—Vernie Tillison, 1203 Norfolk Ave., Bristol, Va.

The Lord to completely heal my body; the healing of my sister; my uncle who is desperately ill in the hospital to be healed; my sister and parents; my brother in Service; unspoken request.—Mrs. Fon Carpenter, Rt. 1, Germantown, Ohio.

The Lord to completely heal me of gall bladder trouble, I have had two very bad attacks in the past three months and lately I have been having some bad dizzy spells caused from it. Also, I have had for thirteen years such burning in my stomach, such distress at times it is almost unbearable. I feel if I am ever well again only God can do the work. Before you offer prayer for my body, pray that I can get closer to the Lord, also my husband; our son in the Service, his family needs him so badly.—Mrs. Charles A. Jehle, 1075 Lochaven Rd., Rt. 8, Box 111, Pontiac, Mich.

## Old-Time Fellowship Meeting

STEPHENVILLE, Tex.—We had a wonderful old-time fellowship meeting at the Church of God in Stephenville, January 8. The presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was felt from the very beginning. It seemed like the day of Pentecost had come again as the saints were shouting and dancing all over the house. A good mission offering was taken, after which Rev. G. M. Bloomingdale, of Weatherford, Tex., brought a wonderful message on "Sanctification," which was enjoyed by all.

We appreciated having several visiting ministers with us, and invite them back again.—O. E. Wright, pastor.

It is vain to seek for honor, but it is a true virtue to seek to be honorable.



# Reports from the Field

## We Have Made Progress

ATLANTA, Ga. — Greetings! The Church of God at Dallas, Ga., will soon be on the map. The Lord has blessed us since the Assembly. Praise God, when cold weather made its first onslaught we were still in a tent with an old heater in the middle of the tent. The smoke went out a hole in the top, Indian fashion. At times we could not see one another for the smoke and would almost freeze when a few feet away from the stove. We got busy with only five or six good members and started our new building. People said we couldn't buy. We have been in our new building since November 17. It is 30x50, made of concrete blocks. We have only a sub-flooring at present but last night money was pledged to floor and ceil the building. We started our Sunday School again, organized a Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, also have a two weeks' old Y.P.E., which is quite healthy—forty-seven present the second meeting. We had six new Evangel subscriptions in two weeks and are still moving on.

We want to start a revival soon. If you are an evangelist and on fire for God, will preach old-time holiness, write me. Pray for us at Dallas.—F. D. Carey, pastor.

## Saved in Germany

I praise my Lord for the many blessings which we can receive from God. He is so real to us mothers who are trusting Him in these dark and gloomy days when our homes are torn up, loved ones taken away from us and we are many miles apart. All we can do is put our trust in God, the One who has all power and the One who never fails us. Some times we get blue and hardly know what to do, but there is one thing we can do, take all our troubles to the Lord in prayer.

I have two boys in Service. One is saved. He got saved in a faraway country, but God knows just where we are and can answer prayer. How I thank Him; words cannot tell but God knows it all. It will pay us mothers to teach our children the way of the Lord and they will not forget it, although they may wander far away, but God can bring them back to Him and also

home.

Please pray for my other children who are not saved; also pray for me and my husband, that we will live a devoted and consecrated life for Him, and that He can use us in some way to His glory.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Addie Ownsby, 1411 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

(The Missionary Ridge Church of God highly appreciates the interest and support of this boy in Germany. —Rev. T. L. Phillips, pastor.)

## Orlando, Fla., District Fellowship Meeting

The Orlando, Fla., district fellowship meeting convened at Apopka, Fla., December 4, 1944. The Lord blessed in a glorious service. The soul-stirring song service was led by Brother Alderman, of Orlando, and Sister Lena Ford, of Mt. Dora, with special songs by the Ford duet. Brother Mead gave a sermonette, after which Brother Lodge preached a sermon. These were followed by a sermon by Brother Russell. The mission offering amounted to \$120.11, which exceeded all previous fellowship offerings.

We certainly thank God for this wonderful meeting. I am sure every one present felt and enjoyed the full fellowship and Spirit of God.—Gloria Griffin.

## God Answers Prayer

I praise my blessed Jesus for what He means to me. Oh, praise the Lord! I thank the Lord for touching my baby's body on the night of December 23. There was no one at home but the baby and me. He was coughing so badly. The Lord is so good to us. I truly thank Him for it.

I thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Paul Johnson. They are really working for the Lord and they will stand by you in everything. We love them and like to work with them. Pray for us at Linden, that we will win souls for Jesus this new year. I am looking for the Lord to come; let us work while it is day. Thank the Lord, I love Him more every day. Let's be ready to go. Pray for my children and me.—Sister Marjorie Williams.

## I Know It Was God

MARIETTA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the many blessings of life, and for His healing power. On July 24, 1943, my little boy was scalded and in an awful condition. He stayed in the hospital a week and a half. We sent out a request for prayer. God heard and answered. Three weeks from the time he was burned he was all right and we carried him to church. I know it was God who did the work. I thank Him for the many times He has healed my children. Please pray that my husband and I will get closer to God, and for our brothers, who are in the service of our country, that they may be saved and return safely. —Mrs. James Roy Brown.

## Determined To Live for Him

BREMEN, Ga.—I thank God for saving my soul. I was as mean as the devil would have me to be. The drinking habit had hold of me and I did not think I could live a Christian life. I got sick and thought I would die, and I knew I was lost. Hell was staring me in the face. I prayed earnestly and God saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I promised Him that I would do anything for Him. I am determined to live for Him until He calls me home. I am so happy since I am a Christian. My mother, brothers, and sisters are not saved and have tried to discourage me. My husband is a holiness preacher and God surely does bless us. Pray that we will stand true.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Pauline Bishop.

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### God's Presence Made Us Rejoice

ALBERTVILLE, Ala.—We are so thankful for His goodness to us at Albertville. For three years we have worshipped in homes, brush arbors, and tents. Truly we thank God now for a 30x60 block church building, although it is still unfinished.

Rev. T. E. Green organized a Sunday School in 1941 while he was our pastor at Boaz. He encouraged us for a church and conducted revivals for us. Rev. J. A. Lindsay has helped in revivals, also Brother R. T. Lankford, Sister Bessie Lyle, and Brother Brooks, of Alabama City.

When our church was set in order, God sent Rev. W. L. Williamson, who was a good pastor. A lot was purchased and about \$500 raised for a building. We appreciated him and his faithful labor for us. God then sent Rev. J. D. McCay and wife and we truly thank God for them. Now the church stands as a testimony of prayer, sacrifice, and untiring efforts of both pastor and saints.

September 17 was our opening day. There was a house filled with friends and members of neighboring churches. It seemed like a real home-coming with Rev. T. E. Green bringing the morning message and Rev. B. D. Simpson the afternoon message.

God met with us and we were well paid for every trial and hardship we had gone through. God's presence made us rejoice. Dinner was served and we feasted naturally. In the afternoon the offering was received, amounting to \$525, which left an indebtedness of approximately \$300.

The Willing Workers are working hard, hoping to soon raise the remainder.

God is blessing souls, saving, sanctifying, and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. We have had some very peculiar but wonderful services sometimes, when the Holy Ghost took charge. Souls prayed through as a result. Our motto is "He that winneth souls is wise."

Putting God and souls first, we believe God will supply our needs in every way. God bless you every one; pray for us.—Daisy K. Ingram.

### Church at Birchwood Moves Along Nicely

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—Dear Friends, I would like to tell you that I enjoy the Evangel very much. I think it is a wonderful paper. Reading it inspires

my soul and helps me to be a better man.

I praise God for all He means to me. I praise His name for the sweet Holy Ghost and wonderful keeping power.

The Church of God at Birchwood moves along nicely. God has been wonderfully good to us, whereof we are thankful. We praise God for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister H. M. Richie. They have the church at heart and want to see it grow and see souls saved. They surely take with the people. We have a wonderful spirit in our services. God is blessing. We have a good Sunday School and Y.P.E. Pray for me, that I will do God's will. —Emmett Burton.

### May God Be Glorified

SHEFFIELD, Ala.—A woman in our community was on the verge of pneumonia, with a temperature of one hundred four degrees. They were planning on carrying her to the hospital the next day. My wife and I applied an anointed handkerchief, which had been sent to us by Brother L. G. Rouse, and God healed her. She is up and going about her business. My wife used this same cloth and was healed of inward goiter and low blood pressure, for which we praise the Lord. We testify of these works for the glory of God and pray it may help someone.—Clarence Denson, Apt. C 7, Unit 2, Metal Terrace, Sheffield, Ala.



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## BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

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also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that *holy Spirit of promise*." "And the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." My friends, let these things sink down deep in your heart, and remember, if you are a believer, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for you, and Peter said, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," Acts 2:38.

### GIFT

Let us consider the gift of the Holy Ghost in the light of the scripture. Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good *gifts* unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father *give the Holy Spirit* to them that ask him?" Yes, the Holy Spirit is a gift, and here Jesus promises the gift to all who ask Him.

Acts 10:44-46, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the *Gentiles* also was poured out the *gift* of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues."

In verse 44, the writer said Holy Ghost, and in verse 45 he called the same experience the gift of the Holy Ghost, and in verse 46 the proof of the gift of the Holy Ghost, "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts 11:15, 17, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, . . . what was I, that I could withstand God?" In this scripture Peter says the Holy Ghost fell on the Gentiles as on the disciples at Pentecost. In verse 16, he referred to the experience as the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and in verse 17 he calls it the like gift, or the gift like He gave us in the beginning. So these people received the gift, and the disciples at Pentecost received the gift, being witnessed by speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4; 10:46), and Peter said if we repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

My friends, the Holy Ghost is referred to as a promise because the Father promised Him to us through the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, John the Baptist, Jesus, and others,

and is called a gift because God gave Him as a Comforter to His believing children. In Acts 19:2, 9, Paul found some Christians called believers and disciples, baptized in water; yes, my friends, children of God. The first thing Paul asked, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" or since becoming the children of God by faith? They did not tell Paul they received the Holy Ghost baptism when God saved them, but said, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Paul began to ask questions and preach the full gospel to them, and twelve of the best men (and I don't know how many women and children) received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues and magnified God.

We are living in the last day, the true light is shining, latter rain falling—good, honest-hearted people of God by the thousands are receiving the glorious experience, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Acts 19:2.

### MISSION PAGE

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could glorify God in our own language. What joy arose in our hearts! We found the spirit of love in this church. The faith of the brethren helped me in a wonderful way. It was here I met Brother Bolivar De-Souza and Salvador Hererra.

After hearing the Pentecostal message, I found my Savior. I learned that Christians should yield themselves to God. I never had imagined that God could manifest Himself to this human race. I heard the brethren speaking celestial languages, just what took place in the upper room. I thank God for the church in Panama. There is where I gave my whole life to God.

The desire for water baptism touched my heart. Finally, on October 11, Brother Salvador Hererra buried me in that watery grave. Since then I have continued in the Lord, in the reading of His precious Word. If we abide in Him we will have the truth rooted in us, as in the disciples. Praise the Lord, He had mercy on me. He has brought me far away to find this true light. I know He came and shed His blood for me. Trials and tribulations are only stepping-stones to victory. I am glad for this way and I mean to follow Him. I exhort all men to come to Jesus and know Him as their Savior. — In Jesus' name, Sgt. Jose Luis Aponte.

## NEWS FROM B.T.S. AND COLLEGE

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individuals and the work of the Lord. Today there are a number of students who would like to take typewriting but cannot do so because we do not have enough typewriters for them to use.

Our Commercial Department is expanding each semester. About thirty students wished to register for beginning typing this semester but could not do so because our machines are being used every period of the day—and most of the nights—by the students who have already enrolled in typing and shorthand.

If anyone who reads this article has a typewriter he could rent or sell to the school, we would appreciate it if he would let us know as soon as possible. We have tried to get a number of typewriters through the War Production Board but have had three applications turned down. If it is impossible to send us a typewriter yourself, please add your prayers to ours in this plea for typewriters. Thank you!—Mrs. Hershell Green, Commercial Department.

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES FOR THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE

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thing of a nature as outlined in this article. Some plan of organization should be formulated so that these persons elected to carry on this work would be those whose heart and soul would be in it and would be sufficiently consecrated and zealous to willingly sacrifice time and labor to make it a success. I believe it would be desirable that each one should have the baptism of the Holy Ghost or, at least, be an earnest seeker for this experience. The two main qualifications would be that the individuals selected should be progressively spiritual and have an understanding of, and sympathy for, the young.

I am very much in earnest about this matter and am very anxious for something more than has been done before, to be done for our boys and girls. I believe that God has given me these thoughts and I am passing them on to each reader for sincere, prayerful consideration. This article is being sent to the official paper of several Pentecostal organizations. Won't you ask God what He would have YOU to do about it?



## Obituaries

### SCROGGS

Mrs. Stella Scroggs, a precious mother and faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life October 17, 1944; age forty-two years.—Her pastor, James A. Sanders, Prentiss, N. C.

### HARRIS

Brother Harmon Spencer Harris, a deacon of the North Shady Grove church, passed to his reward on October 5, 1944; age seventy years. He was a very faithful and devoted Christian, having been set forth as a deacon by his church in September, 1914.—His pastor, E. L. Newton, Holcomb, Miss.

### SHANNON

On September 24, 1944, Mrs. Janie Brauscome Shannon went to be with Jesus; age eighty-six years. She was added to the Stonefield, Miss., Church of God over twenty-five years ago.—Her pastor, E. L. Newton, Holcomb, Miss.

### EASON

Sister Alice Myrtle, wife of Rev. A. E. Eason, also a faithful member of the Church of God, was called home to be with the Lord at their home in Comanche, Okla. She was born October 3, 1878, and died October 15, 1944, she being one of the charter members of the Church of God here in the West.—L. C. Pennington, pastor, Lawton, Okla.

### THOMAS

Brother John Thomas, a faithful member and deacon of the Church of God at Mt. Vale, Tenn., went to be with Jesus November 28, 1944. His funeral was conducted November 30, Thanksgiving Day, which was also his birthday; at which time he was eighty-one years of age. He was faithful to his church and will be greatly missed.—J. S. Walker, pastor, Mt. Vale, Tenn.

### BANKS

Sister Alice Banks, wife of Rev. C. E. Banks, and a faithful member of the Church of God for twenty years, was born October 11, 1890, and departed this life October 27, 1944; age fifty-four years and sixteen days. She was a faithful wife and mother.—Pastor, D. W. Coker.

### DUFFEE

Mrs. Helen (Lane) Duffee, a member of the Pine Knott Church of God, Juniper, Ga., passed away at her home in Riverview, Alabama, November 26, 1944; age thirty-seven years.—Her sister, Mrs. Refa Ward.

### CULVER

Brother Dave Culver, a member of the Church of God, passed away December 27, 1944; age eighty-two years. He died suddenly of a heart attack.—Mrs. Anna Ellis, pastor, Rich Hill, Mo.

### BODGE

On December 28, 1944, the death angel claimed a loving mother, Mrs. Laura Bodge, of Gardner, Me. She lived a Christian life and was a member of the Church of God at Augusta, Me.—Lida B. Ricker, clerk, 15 Summer St., Augusta, Me.

### GRAF

On December 18, 1944, the Lord called home to be with Him Mildred Graf. She was twenty-six years old and a girl loved by all who knew her. Please pray for her afflicted mother.—W. W. Smethers, pastor, Box 2213, Vernon, Texas.

### HELTON

In remembrance of my sister-in-law, Lizzie Helton, who went to be with Jesus November 27, 1944. She was a faithful member of the Harmon Lick, Ky., Church of God.—Fannie Adams, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

### WINFREE

Rev. Will B. Winfree, Gordonsville, Tennessee, a minister of the Church of God, passed away January 10, 1945; age fifty-nine years. He served as pas-

tor at Lancaster Hill, Tenn., church for several years. He was always loyal and faithful to the work of God. Our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves to mourn their loss his dear wife, Mrs. Lela Farmer Winfree, one son and one daughter, six grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends.—Mrs. Pearl Williams, clerk, Hickman, Tenn.

### STEPHENSON

Our dear father, Asa Stephenson, a member of the Church of God at Mogadore, Ohio, departed this life to be with the Lord; age sixty-six years and two months.—His pastor, Rev. A. H. Tribble.

### SAYLOR

Lucy Saylor went to be with Jesus November 28, 1944. She said she was ready to go.—Fannie Adams, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

### WILLIAMSON

Brother J. J. Williamson, an ex-minister of the Church of God, was born April 17, 1909, and departed this life January 14, 1945. He made a confession at Pine Hill Church of God on Sunday night before his death the following Saturday. He said about four hours prior to his death that heaven seemed to be low and he promised the Lord in spite of everything he intended to make amends. It is a testimony that will long be remembered and we were all encouraged with it and encouraged him. We were especially glad since the catastrophe that followed. The bereaved family has our sympathy.—Mrs. L. D. Burton, Pine Hill, Ala.

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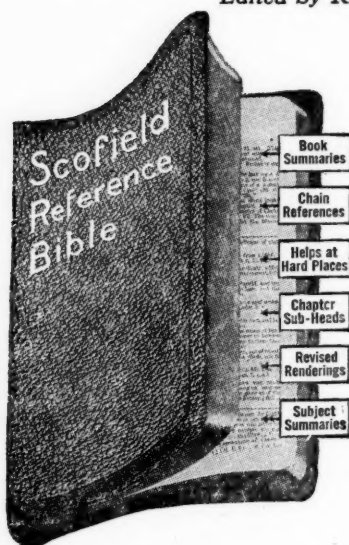
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